



National Pork Board

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Dear Swine Exhibitor and Parents:

As the fair and exhibition season is upon us, everyone needs to take steps to ensure that show pigs stay healthy. Influenza or “flu” occasionally can be transmitted from people to pigs and pigs to people. In order to keep you and your animals healthy and protect the pig farms across the country, here are some recommendations for you to follow:

- If anyone in your family has flu-like symptoms, please do not attend fairs/exhibitions for 7 days after symptoms begin or until you have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, whichever is longer.
- If any of your pigs show signs of flu-like illness on the farm, check with your veterinarian before bringing your pigs to the fair/exhibition.

While at the show, take these simple precautions to protect yourself and others:

- Wash your hands often with soap and running water before and after you have contact with animals. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Do not eat or drink near animals or animal pens.
- During the fair/exhibition, monitor your pigs for any signs of illness and report any illness to the veterinarian on-call.
- When you come home from a fair/exhibition, be sure to quarantine your hogs, disinfect your trailer and equipment (show boxes, feed pans, etc.), and watch for any illness in your pigs. For more information, refer to “A Champion’s Guide to Youth Swine Exhibition” available at pork.org/flu.

We appreciate your cooperation at fairs/exhibitions this summer. It is the shared responsibility of every pork producer, our state associations and related industry groups to work together to protect herd health and public health. Please take this opportunity to be proactive in helping to protect the future of our industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Conley Nelson".

Conley Nelson,
National Pork Board President

Remember: Pork is safe. You can’t get flu from eating or handling pork and pork products.

Vision: Leading a world-class food industry. Responsible. Sustainable. Professional. Profitable.

Mission: The National Pork Board harnesses the resources of all producers to capture opportunity, address challenges and satisfy customers.